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The 2010 U. S. Census is Underway

The U. S. Constitution requires a national census once every ten years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The first census took place in 1790 and the Census Bureau was established in 1902.



Each household should have received a census form by mail in late March. The questionnaire includes only ten questions which will provide important demographic information about each household. All residents should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. A census worker will visit each housing unit that has not returned a census form by May 1, 2010. If you did not receive a census form or have questions about how to complete it, please contact the census toll free help lines at 1.866.872.6868. The phone lines are open nationwide from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (local time) seven days a week through July 30, 2010. In addition, a census worker is available until April 19 at Town Hall, 23 West Jennings Street, Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accurate census data is important to our community because the federal government allocates more than \$300 billion to states and municipalities based, in part, on this data. Census data affects school budgets particularly special education funding and college tuition grant and loan programs. Census data is also utilized to determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share any individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

In December 2010, the Census Bureau will deliver the apportionment counts to the President. The Census Bureau will complete delivery of redistricting data to the states by March 2011. For more information about the 2010 Census, visit www.census.gov.

Sidewalk Projects Move Forward

Two major sidewalk projects are in the final design stages and should be under construction in 2010. Safe Routes to School, which extends along Jennings Street from Washington Street to Monroe and along State Street from Jennings to Sharon Place is funded by a \$250,000 construction grant. Since the project is located in the historic district, a Section 106 historic study was necessary before final tracings could be submitted. Also in the design stage is the Jefferson Street sidewalk project extending from Jennings to Community Park and Pool, and north to Jefferson Park subdivision. The Town will use Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) money to fund this construction project.

Anne Rust Aurand, Sidewalk Committee Chair

Rivertown Trail Extends to Newburgh Locks & Dam

Construction has begun on Phase II of the Rivertown Trail extending it from the Old Lock & Dam park to the Newburgh Locks & Dam park by way of the old SR 662 roadbed. The timeline for construction completion is November 2010. Traffic will be detoured around the area with the east bound lane closed during most of the construction time frame. When completed, Phase I and II will span 2.65 miles from the B. Gene Aurand Trailhead to the terminus at the Locks & Dam park.

Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner

Hazard Elimination Safety Project

In December 2001, the Town of Newburgh applied for an Indiana Highway Safety Improvement Program grant using Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) funds for a project at the intersection of Plum, Main, and Jennings Street. The Town was awarded the grant in 2003, and the project has been in the planning stages since that time. The project involves the realignment of Main Street and Plum Street at the intersection with Jennings Street in order to improve sight distance. The project also includes storm drainage improvements and the addition of combined curb and gutter and sidewalks throughout the project area with is approximately 700 feet along Jennings Street. This intersection was identified as having safety issues through accident records that indicate nineteen (19) accidents at the intersection over a two (2) year time period. Roadway construction has begun and project completion is set for July. All streets will remain open and access to all businesses in the area will be provided; however, there will be some interruptions of traffic flow with flaggers directing traffic.

Alonzo B. Moore, Street Commissioner

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July 4th Celebration

Fireworks sponsored by
Historic Newburgh, Inc.

Saturday, July 3rd

Old Lock & Dam Park

On the Riverfront 9 PM

Phone HNI 853.2815
for more information

Rain Gardens - A Creative Alternative

MS4 is a federally mandated program designed to improve our environment by reducing water pollution and protecting water quality. As an MS4 community, Newburgh is committed to this program. A smart and innovative way to participate and support this program is by planting a rain garden. A rain garden is an attractive, landscaped area, planted with perennial native plants which don't mind getting their "feet wet." These eye-catching gardens are built in depressions which are designed to capture and filter storm water runoff from impervious surfaces around the home, such as, rooftops, driveways, patios, and roads.

As development increases, more and more stress is placed on our environment. Impervious surfaces shed rainwater and construction sites compact the soil; this reduces the ability of our landscape to absorb and filter storm water. The added runoff negatively impacts our environment by increasing pollution to our rivers and streams through our storm water system.

- Rain gardens help keep water clean by filtering storm water runoff before it enters our waterways
- They help alleviate problems associated with drainage and flooding
- They enhance the beauty of individual yards and communities
- They provide habitat and food for wildlife including birds and butterflies
- They recharge the ground water supply

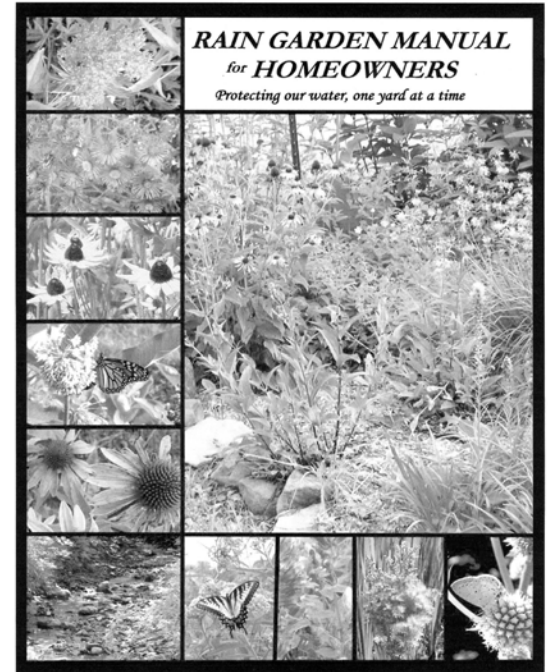
Installing a rain garden can be a fairly simple process, involving a shovel and a bit of physical labor. If you are interested in a rain garden, you can pick up a "Rain Garden Manual for Homeowners" from the Director of Planning and Development. A copy is also accessible on the Town of Newburgh website www.newburgh-in.gov. This manual will provide you with information on rain gardens as well as guide you through the step by step process of building a rain garden on your own property. You can also learn about the benefit of rain barrels to capture roof runoff that can be used to water your garden.

Frank Hijuelos, Director of Planning and Development

Yard Waste

Yard waste pick up begins Friday, April 2
through Friday, December 31.

Bill Kavanaugh



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**Tuesday, May 4
Primary Election Day**

Voting locations for Town of Newburgh residents

Ohio 3 vote at Newburgh Senior Center, 529 Jefferson Street

Ohio 4 and Ohio 22 vote at American Legion, Kapperman Post, 711 State Street

Ohio 20 and Ohio 33 vote at Masonic Temple, 720 Filmore Street

A government issued photo ID is required in order to be able to vote. The ID must have the voter's photo, name, and expiration date. In most cases, an Indiana driver's license, Indiana photo ID card, military ID or U.S. passport is sufficient. For more information, please call the Warrick County Voter Registration Office at 897.6161. Please exercise your right and privilege to vote!

**5th Annual Historic Newburgh Wine, Art, & Jazz Festival
May 14 and 15**

Historic Newburgh Wine, Art, & Jazz Festival presented by Evansville Living will be held at the Old Lock & Dam Park May 14 and 15. The festival kicks off Friday, May 14 from 7-9 pm with the people's choice wine tasting soiree, "Grapes on the Grass," featuring Indiana wines, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and live music. Call Historic Newburgh 853.2815 for reservations.

Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m., the main event opens to the public featuring wine tasting, specialty cheeses, bread, fruit, and chocolate delights. Educational seminars will be conducted throughout the day. Call HNI for details 853.2815.

